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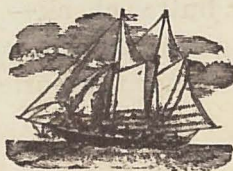
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I aint been long in this 'ere Navy,
Just few days ago that I arrived;
But I guess I'll stay, 'tis better than farmin',
Don't hev any cows to milk or drive.



The first day that I got here
They dressed me up in snowy white;
Give me a sack to put my clothes in,
'Nother sack to sleep in that night.



The next mornin' just at daylight
Man with a horn made an awful noise,
'Nother man blew on a whistle,
Said "turn out quick an' lash up, boys."



Fellow told me to go down to the bath-room,
Never seen such a place before;
Water comes down in streams from the ceiling,
Runs right down through a hole in the floor.



A feller told me the first day that I got here
That I'd have to get my butter check—
I been waitin' since I got here for a hammik ladder,
And I ain't got the ladder nor the butter check yet.

I've learned quite a lot 'bout soldier business,
How to march and turn around;
They give me a gun an' showed me how to use it—
"One! two! three!" an' then put it on the ground.



Then we have what they call Artillery—
Funniest business you ever see—
A whole lot of ropes tied on to a cannon,
Drag it around as quick can be.



The other day, took us boat ridin',
Went out a long way on the sea;
The boat began to rock and tumble;
Got as sick as sick could be.

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I've learned quite a lot 'bout guns an' signals;
Quite a lot 'bout sails an' boats;
But one thing I can't get on to,
Is how them big iron ships can float.



They sent me up to roll the topsail,
Went way out to the end of the rope;
Felt kind o' shaky when I was out there,
Won't have to go out there again I hope.



Well I guess I'll stay till my time is over,
Only got 'bout four years more;
Then I'll go home and go to farmin',
An' plough the dark blue sea no more.



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